

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-8 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, there is no teaching or suggestion in the art of record disclosing a circuit for driving a gate of a power MOSFET in a digital audio amplifier comprising the structural limitations of claim 1 in combination with the first and second diodes as in accordance with claim 1.

Regarding claim 3, there is no teaching or suggestion in the art of record disclosing a circuit for driving a gate of a power MOSFET in a digital audio amplifier comprising the structural limitations of claim 3 in combination with the first, second, third and fourth diodes as in accordance with claim 3.

Regarding claim 4, there is no teaching or suggestion in the art of record disclosing a circuit for driving a gate of a power MOSFET in a digital audio amplifier comprising the structural limitations of claim 4 in combination with the first, second, third and fourth diodes as in accordance with claim .

Therefore, independent claims 1, 3 and 4 are deemed allowable along with their dependent claims 2 and 5-8, respectively.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DOUGLAS M. MENZ whose telephone number is (571)272-1877. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

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